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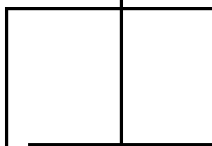
**9 February 1955**

**CHINESE OFFSHORE ISLANDS**

**1. Evacuation of the Tachens--which may be completed this weekend--has been uneventful thus far. ChiComs have pursued cautious policy, despite warning that "serious consequences" will result from US "participation in Chiang Kai-shek's military operations."**

**A. ChiCom naval vessels operating in strength near Tachens before evacuation began were apparently withdrawn from area. Only ships sighted were few torpedo boats 17 miles north of Tachens (6 Feb.).**

**B. ChiCom aircraft have not appeared in evacuation area**



**C. [redacted] reported on 8 Feb that ChiCom high command had ordered its forces in and around Formosa Strait to "take no action unless provoked."**

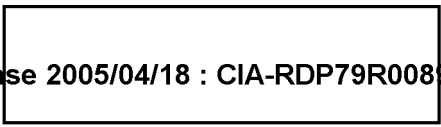
**D. [redacted] atmosphere in Peiping was calm, that clash with US forces did not seem to be expected.**

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**II. ChiComs have taken some action, however, against US aircraft flying over Communist-held territory.**

- A. Peiping on 7 February cited US overflights of coastal islands, declared: "If US Air Force ventures to intrude into China's territorial air again, US Govt must bear all the serious consequences. . . ."**
- B. Same day, US jet fighters were fired on from Comm-held islands north of Tachens.**
- C. US attack bomber hit by AA fire over Comm-held Sungmen Peninsula, 15 miles SW of Tachens, on 9 Feb. US Navy source quoted to effect this incident "not hostile," as plane "misnavigated" and was "off limits."**

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**III. Elsewhere in coastal islands area situation is quiet, but  
ChiCom preparations continue.**



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